

NOTE FOR THE DDA

Harry,

The following is my understanding of what was agreed to at the meeting with the DDCI on GAO's request for information/data regarding certain contracts

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As a matter of policy, GAO is not permitted to audit CIA activities; our cooperation on this issue, therefore, should not be viewed as a precedent.

We should establish agreed guidelines at the outside to govern the extent of GAO access.

GAO will not be provided any documentation for retention; nor will they be allowed access to the studies resulting from the contracts under question.

GAO will be allowed access to the contract/financial files for the contracts under question; they will also be allowed access to Agency procurement regulations.

-GAO will be allowed to interview appropriate DDI and DDA personnel responsible for executing and monitoring these contracts; they may also be briefed in general terms about the results of the contracts.

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Please let me know if this is consistent with your understanding so that I can take appropriate steps with GAO.

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